

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 52 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – claims 27 through 52, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, and subclass 678.

Group II – claims 1 through 26, drawn to process of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 458, and subclass 106.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 27-52, without traverse.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statement

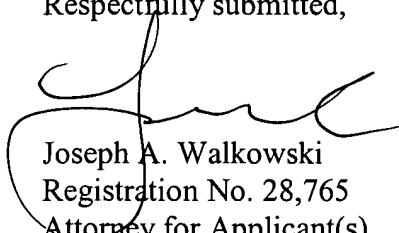
Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Office on **October 21, 2003**, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

CONCLUSION

An early Office Action on the merits with respect to claims 27-52 is respectfully solicited.

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